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**Joint Statement from Senator Van Wanggaard & Representative Samantha Kerkman  
about Jacob Blake Shooting Decision**

“Charging decisions are never easy and cannot be snap judgments. They must follow the process, and complete a review of all of the evidence about an entire situation, not a seven second video. In this case, we appreciate that the evidence was thoroughly reviewed by two outside entities without conflicts, and that the entirety of the evidence was considered before making this important decision.

Having not reviewed the entirety of the evidence, we are unable to pass judgment on whether or not the charging decision was the right one. We hope that others will do the same.

People have a right to peacefully protest the decision; we hope that’s what occurs. Kenosha cannot have a repeat of the August riots.

We have been in contact with area officials and the Governor’s office, and are hopeful that the resources are in place in overwhelming numbers to ensure the community and businesses are protected while allowing for individuals to practice their free speech rights.”